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Mango Production
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the mango production and export is likely to drop due to unseasonal rainfall this year, if so, the details thereof indicating the production of mango, State-wise along with its export during each of the last three years and the expected foreign exchange earnings from the surplus mango production during the current year;

(b) whether the Government is considering to provide assistance to the affected farmers and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to promote mango production in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): According to the information received from the states so far, there is likely to be an increase of 6% in mango production in the year, 2015-16 as compared to the previous year, 2014-15. However, there has been drop in the mango exports during the year 2015-16.

The details of state wise production of mango during the last three years and the current year and Exports with Foreign Exchange Earnings are at Table 1 and 2 of Annexure-I respectively.

(b): In the states like Telangana, which has reported that there might be some mango farmers affected due to weather vagaries, based on the final enumeration reports, the assistance will be provided to the affected farmers as per State Disaster Response Funds (SDRF) norms.

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(c): Several steps taken by the Government to increase the Country's production of fruits and vegetables including mango are as under:

â€¢ Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme is being implemented during XII Plan w.e.f. 2014-15, for holistic growth of the horticulture sector covering all the horticulture crops including fruits and vegetables.

â€¢ The Mission envisages production and productivity improvement of horticulture crops including fruit and vegetable crops through increased coverage of area with improved cultivars, rejuvenation of senile orchards, protected cultivation, creation of water resources, adoption of Integrated Pest Management (IPM), Integrated Nutrient Management (INM), organic farming, including insitu generation of organic inputs. Capacity buildings of farmers and technicians is also provided for adopting improved technologies.